

Ellisforde, turn right (west) on Ellisforde

7. Proceed south to the Loomis Hwy Junction and Hwy 7. Turn right (west)

onto Loomis Hwy and proceed west

to Loomis. Drive through Loomis and

proceed straight (west) into a sweeping

left turn onto Sinlahekin Road. Proceed

south on Sinlahekin Road about 3 miles

From Conconnuly proceed east out of

Conconully on the road and follow the

Sinlahekin Road past Sugar Loaf Lake

and over Sugar Loaf Pass to where the

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where the road enters SWA.

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From Tonasket west on 4th Ave across Okanogan River to the Hwy 7 Junction. Bridge Road. Proceed west about .75 Turn right (north) on Hwy 7 and proceed miles then turn left (south) on Hwy north to the Loomis Hwy Junction continuing on (west) to Loomis. Drive through Loomis and proceed straight (west) into a sweeping left turn onto Sinlahekin Road. Proceed south on Sinlahekin Road about 3 miles where the road enters SWA.

From Riverside north on SR 97 to about

Mile Post (MP) 304.6 turn left (west) on Pine Creek Road. Proceed west about 7 miles where road enters SWA. From Oroville south on SR 97 to

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Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

The Sinlahekin Wildlife Area is the oldest wildlife area in Washington established in 1939 to protect critical winter range for mule deer and other game species. It was acquired with funds from the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, (Pittman-Robertson Act), with a federal excise tax on sport hunting firearms and ammunition. Today the area is managed for a diversity of wildlife species for all recreationists.

The Sinlahekin's 14,314 acres lie 15 miles west of the town of Tonasket in northcentral Okanogan County, primarily in the narrow, glaciated Sinlahekin Valley. The 16-mile long valley floor has gently rolling terrain, from which the steep, rocky east and west sides abruptly rise up to 4,000 feet in

Sinlahekin Creek threads its way through the northern half of the area amid dense stands of birch, willow, and aspen, with numerous beaver ponds and several man-made water impoundments. Upland vegetation on east-facing slopes is mostly open ponderosa pine and bunchgrass. West-facing slopes have less overstory and more bunchgrasses, cliffs, and rock outcrops.

The Sinlahekin Wildlife Area is home to 185 species of birds, 88 butterflies, 45 mammals, 15 fish, and 14 reptiles and amphibians. Mule deer were historically the most common draw for hunters, but in recent decades white-tailed deer have become more abundant. Bighorn sheep, which were extirpated from the area by the early 1900's, were reintroduced in 1957 with transplants from a herd in British Columbia.

At least 559 species of vascular plants, including 9 rare and one threatened species, have been identified on the wildlife area.



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Fauna Legend for all Species

WHERE TO LOOK

Habitat: Primary habitats where species may be observed

- **A** Agriculture (grainfields, abandoned orchards, alfalfa fields, etc.)
- **C** Conifer woodland (*Ponderosa pine*, *Douglas fir*, *western larch*, *Engleman spruce*) **E** - Every habitat
- **R** Riparian woodland/shrubland (water birch, quaking aspen, red osier dogwood,
- willow, alder, rose, etc.)
- **S** Steppe and shrubsteppe (often includes sagebrush and bitterbrush) **T** - Talus, boulder fields, cliffs, and rims
- W Wetlands
- St Streams
- **U** Urban (Headquarters Dwellings)

WHEN TO LOOK

Presence (Pre): relative to SWA

- **N** Known nester or breeder (mammals 1st young found within the area) L - Likely nester/breeder (breeding behavior observed on SWA or nests or unfledged
- young found close to SWA) Young or pregnant or lactating condition with mammals. **H** - Appropriate habitat absent at SWA; mammals may travel through or visit during
- unusual years **P** - Potential nester or breeder (mammals)
- **S** Species possible, but not confirmed at SWA
- **W** Winter presence at SWA
- M Migration presence at SWA A - Accidental

CHANCE OF SEEING

Abundance: Winter (Win) 21 Dec. –19 Mar.; Spring (Spr) 20 Mar.-20 June; Summer (Sum) 21 June -21 Sept.; Autumn (Aut) 22 Sept. -20 Dec.

- **A** Abundant (numerous in appropriate habitats)
- **C** Common (likely to be observed in appropriate habitats)

I - Intermittent (intermittently present in suitable habitats)

- **U** Uncommon (present in suitable habitats, but not certain to be observed)
- **R** Rare (observed every 2 to 5 years)
- **X** Extremely rare (observed less frequently than every 5 years)



Birds of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

Originally compiled by Dale A. Swedberg, July 02, 2001 Contributors include: Joe Buchanan, Brian Fisher, Scott Fitkin, Kent Woodruff

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V	* Species Possible			Abun	dance				37
V	but not confirmed	Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut		
VIN	G BIRDS								
	Common Loon	0	N	X	C	С	U		1
	Red-necked Grebe	OW	N		C	С	U	-	
	Horned Grebe*	0						200	
	Eared Grebe*	0						750	1
	Pied-billed Grebe	OW	N	Х	С	С	С	7	
	Western Grebe*	0							-
	American White Pelican*	OW							
	Double-crested Cormorant*	0							
ETL	AND WADERS							. 1	All.
	American Bittern*	RW							
	Great Blue Heron	RW	N	С	С	С	С		
	Great Egret*	RW						1	
	Cattle Egret*	AW						Iru	mpe
	Black-crowned Night Heron	RW	Р		U	U	U		
ATE	RFOWL							$\sqrt{}$	
	Trumpeter Swan	0	M,W	R	R		R	V	
	Tundra Swan	0	M,W	U	С	Х	С	HUM	MINGE
	Canada Goose	AO	N	Α	Α	Α	Α		Black
	Greater White-fronted Goose*	AO							Callio
	Snow Goose	AO	М	R	R		R		Rufo
	Wood Duck	RWOSt	N		С	С	R	KING	FISHER
	Mallard	AO	N	Α	Α	Α	Α		Belte
	Gadwall*	OW						WOC	DPECK
	Northern Pintail	OW	P	R	U	U	U		Lewis

Canada Goose	AO	N	Α	Α	Α	Α
Greater White-fronted Goose*	AO					
Snow Goose	AO	М	R	R		R
Wood Duck	RWOSt	N		С	С	R
Mallard	AO	N	Α	Α	Α	Α
Gadwall*	OW					
Northern Pintail	OW	Р	R	U	U	U
American Widgeon	OW	Р	R	U	U	U
Eurasian Widgeon*	OW					
Northern Shoveler	OW	Р	R	С	U	U
Cinnamon Teal	OW	N	R	С	С	С
Blue-winged Teal	OW	N	R	С	С	С
Green-winged Teal	OW	Р	С	С	С	С
Canvasback*	OW	'				
Redhead	OW	М	R	С	С	U
Ring-necked Duck	OW	P	С	A	С	A
	OW	Г	C	Α		_ A
Greater Scaup*		P	-	-		
Lesser Scaup	OW		C	С	С	С
Harlequin Duck	OSt	L	X	U	U	U
Long-tailed Duck	0	М	Х	Х		X
Surf Scoter*	0					
White-winged Scoter*	0					
Common Goldeneye	RWO	М	С	R	R	С
Barrow's Goldeneye	RWO	N	С	С	С	С
Bufflehead	RWO	Р	С	С	С	С
Hooded Merganser	RWO	N	С	С	С	C
Common Merganser	RWO	Р	С	С	С	С
Red-breasted Merganser*	RWO					
Ruddy Duck	WO	L	U	U	U	U
RAPTORS						
Turkey Vulture	E	Р		U	U	U
Northern Harrier	ASW	N	C	C	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	CR	Р	U	U	C	U
Cooper's Hawk	CR	Р	U	U	С	U
Northern Goshawk	CR	N	U	U	U	U
Swainson's Hawk	ASR	Р		U	U	U
Red-tailed Hawk	ACSR	L	С	С	С	С
Rough-legged Hawk	ASW	W	R	R		R
Golden Eagle	AST	N	С	С	С	С
Bald Eagle	E	N	С	С	С	С
Osprey	CORW	Р		R	С	R
Merlin	CR	P	U	U	U	U
American Kestrel	E	N	U	U	U	U
Peregrine Falcon*	E	.,				
Prairie Falcon*	AST					
	STW					
Gyrfalcon*	۷۱۷۷					
UPLAND BIRDS	۸۲۵	K1	Α	Λ.	Α	
California Quail	ASR	N	A	A	A	Α
Chukar	ST	N	U	U	U	U
Gray Partridge	ASR	N	С	С	С	С
Ring-necked Pheasant	ASRW	N	С	С	С	С
Spruce Grouse*	С					
Blue Grouse	CRST	N	С	С	С	С
Ruffed Grouse	CRW	N	С	С	С	С
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ACSR N C C C

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Wild Turkey

RAILS AND CRANES



CaspianTern[†]

Forster's Tern³

Black Tern*

DOVES AND PIGEONS Mourning Dove

Rock Dove

CUCKOOS

Band-tailed pigeon

Eurasian Collared Dove

Yellow-billed Cuckoo*

Long-eared Ow Short-eared Owl Great Horned Ow

Snowy Owl*

Boreal Owl*

Burrowing Owl

Northern Saw-whet Ow

Western Screech Ow

Northern Pygmy Owl

Northern Hawk Owl*

GOATSUCKERS AND SWIFTS

Vaux's Swift

Common Poorwill

Common Nighthaw

Great Gray Owl Barred Owl

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	1			1	200		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	E	L		
23 4 35		1		200			Bank Swallow	Е	N		
AL PROPERTY.	- 12	-	-				Violet-green Swallow	E	N		
* Species Possible			Abun	dance			Tree Swallow	E	N		
but not confirmed	Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut	Cliff Swallow	E	N		
Sora	W	L	Х	U	U	U	Barn Swallow	Е	N		Τ
Sandhill Crane	ARW	М		С		С	CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES AND WRE	NS			
BIRDS							Black-capped Chickadee	CRU	N	С	
American Golden-plover*	W						Mountain Chickadee	CR	N	С	
Semipalmated Plover*	W						Boreal Chickadee*	С			
Killdeer	SAW	N	R	С	С	С	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	CR	W	R	
Greater Yellowlegs	W	М		U		U	Red-breasted Nuthatch	С	L	С	
esser Yellowlegs*	W						White-breasted Nuthatch	CR	L	С	
Spotted Sandpiper	W	N		U	С	U	Pygmy Nuthatch	С	N	С	
ong-billed Curlew	SW	Р		R	R	R	Brown Creeper	CR	L	U	
Dunlin*	w						House Wren	CRU	N		
Western Sandpiper*	W						Winter Wren	CR	Р	U	
_east Sandpiper*	W						Marsh Wren	W	N	R	
Long-billed Dowitcher*	W						Rock Wren	Т	L		
Common Snipe	RW	N	U	С	С	U	Canyon Wren	Т	L	С	
Wilson's Phalarope*	OW						Bewick's Wren	CR	Α		
Red-necked Phalarope*	OW										
S AND TERNS				1	1	'			-		
Bonaparte's Gull*	OW										
Ring-billed Gull	AOW	М		С	С	С					
California Gull*	OW										-
Herring Gull*	OW						The state of the s		-		>
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Warbling Vireo

YS AND CROWS

Blue Jay*

Black-billed Magpie

American Dipper

Townsend's Solitaire

Mountain Bluebird

Western Bluebird Varied Thrush

American Robin

Hermit Thrush

Gray Catbird

Sage Thrasher*

Bohemian Waxwing

Nashville Warble

Townsend's Warbler

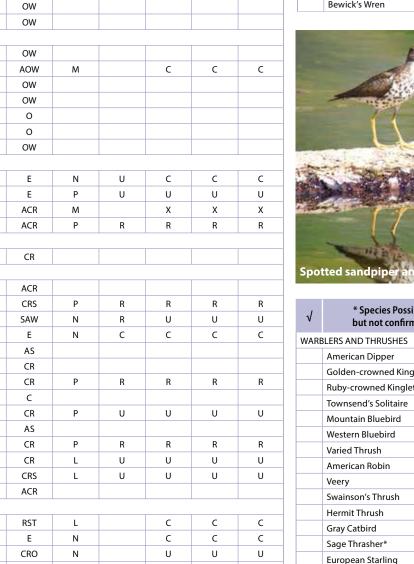
Black-and-white Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Audubon race

Myrtle race

Yellow Warbler





.1	* Species Possible			Abun	dance		
	but not confirmed	Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut
HUM	IMINGBIRDS						
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	RS	N		С	С	
	Calliope Hummingbird	CR	N		С	С	С
	Rufous Hummingbird	CR	N		С	С	С
KING	FISHERS						
	Belted Kingfisher	RWO	L	U	С	С	С
woc	DDPECKERS						
	Lewis' Woodpecker	CR	N		С	С	С
	Williamson's Sapsucker	CR	N	C	С	С	C
	Red-naped Sapsucker	ACR	N		С	С	
	Downy Woodpecker	CR	L	С	С	С	С
	Hairy Woodpecker	CR	N	C	С	С	С
	Three-toed Woodpecker*	C					
	Black-backed Woodpecker	С	W	R	R	R	R
	White-headed woodpecker*	С					
	Northern Flicker						
	Red-shafted race	CR	N	С	С	С	C
	Pileated Woodpecker	CR	N	С	С	С	C
FLYC	ATCHERS						
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	CRW	Р		U	R	U
	Western Wood-pewee	CR	Р		С	С	С
	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	CR	Р		U	U	
	Cordilleran Flycatcher*	CR					
	Willow Flycatcher	CRW	Р		U	U	
	Least Flycatcher*	R					
	Hammond's Flycatcher*	С					
	Dusky Flycatcher	CRS	L		С	С	C
	Gray Flycatcher*	RST					
	Say's Phoebe	RS	N		С	С	C
	Eastern Kingbird	RS	N		С	С	С
	Western Kingbird	RS	N		С	С	C
SHRI	KES AND VIREOS						
	Northern Shrike	ARS	W	U			U
	Loggerhead Shrike*	AST					





	.1	* Species Possible	Abundance								
Aut	√	but not confirmed	Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut			
U		Purple Finch	CR	L	U	U	U	U			
C		Cassin's Finch	CR	L	U	U	U	R			
U		House Finch	CR	Р	U	U	U	U			
		Red Crossbill	С	L	С	С	С	С			
С		White-winged Crossbill	С	L	R	R	U	U			
		Common Redpoll	RS	W	U	U					
		Hoary Redpoll	RS	W	R	R					
С		Pine Siskin	CR	Р	С	С	С	С			
С		American Goldfinch	AR	L	R	С	С	С			
C		House Sparrow	AR	P	X	Х	X	Х			
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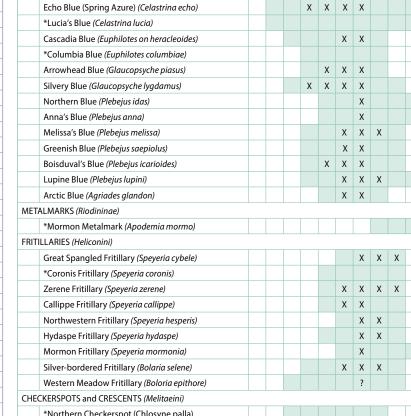


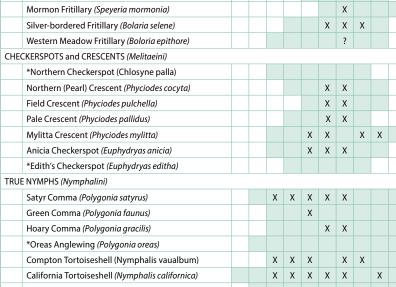
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√	*Species Possible				Se	asor	nal F	light	Per	iod	
٧	But Not Confirmed	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	
PARI	NASSIANS (Parnassiinae)										
	Rocky Mountain Parnassian (Parnassius smintheus)							Х			
SWA	LLOWTAILS (Papilioninae)										
	Old World Swallowtail (Papilio machaon)						Χ	Х	Х		
	Anise Swallowtail (Papilio zelicaon)					Х	Х	Х			
	Canadian Tiger Swallowtail (Papilio canadensis)					?					
	Western Tiger Swallowtail (Papilio rutulus)					Х	Х	Х			
	Two-tailed Swallowtail (Papilio multicaudatus)					Х	Х	Х		Х	
	Pale Tiger Swallowtail (Papilio eurymedon)					Х	Х	Х			
WHI	TES (Pierinae)										
	Pine White (Neophasia menapia)							Х	Х		
	Becker's White (Pontia beckerii)							Х			
	Spring White (Pontia sisymbrii)				Х	Х	Х				
	Western White (Pontia occidentalis)						Х	Х	Х		
	Cabbage White (Pieris rapae)					Х	Х	Х	Х		
	Large Marble (Euchloe ausonides)				Х	Х	Х	Х			
	Desert Marble (Euchloe lotta)						?				
	Sara's Orangetip (Anthocharis sara)				Х	Х	Х	Х			

Clouded Sulphur (Colias philodice) X X X X Orange Sulphur (Colias eurytheme) X X X Queen Alexandra's Sulphur (Colias alexandra) X X X Pink-edged Sulphur (Colias interior) X X X Purplish Copper (Lycaena helloides) X X X X X Lilac-bordered Copper (Lycaena nivalis, X X *Mariposa Copper (Lycaena mariposa) HAIRSTREAKS (Theclini) Behr's Hairstreak (Satyrium behrii) Halfmoon (Sooty) Hairstreak (Satyrium semiluna) California Hairstreak (Satyrium californicum) Sylvan Hairstreak (Satyrium sylvinus nootka) Hedgerow Hairstreak (Satyrium saepium) Western Green Hairstreak (Callophrys affinis) Sheridan's Hairstreak (Callophrys sheridanii) X X Thicket Hairstreak (Mitoura spinetorum) XX Juniper/Cedar Hairstreak (Mitoura gryneus) Brown Elfin (Incisalia augustinus) XX *Moss' Elfin (Incisalia mossii) *Hoary Elfin (Incisala polia) Western Pine Elfin (Incisalia eryphon) X X X Gray Hairstreak (Strymon melinus) X X X Western Tailed Blue (Cupido amyntula) X X X





Mourning Cloak (Nymphalis antiopa) x x x x x x x Milbert's Tortoiseshell (Nymphalis milberti) X X X X X X Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui) X X X X X West Coast Lady (Vanessa annabella, X X X Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta) Lorquin's Admiral (Limenitis lorquini) X X X X X SATYRS, BROWNS, RINGLETS (Satyrinae) x x x x x Common Ringlet (Coenonympha tullia) X X X Common Wood Nymph (Cercyonis pegala) X X Great Basin Wood Nymph (Cercyonis sthenele) Small Wood Nymph (Cercyonis oetus) Common (Butler's) Alpine (Erebia epipsodea) *Great Arctic (Oeneis nevadensis) Chryxus Arctic (Oeneis chryxus) ONARCHS (Danainae)

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Monarch (Danaus plexippus

READ-WING SKIPPERS (Pyrginae)

Northern Cloudywing (Thorybes pylades,

Dreamy Duskywing (Erynnis icelus)

Pacuvius Duskywing (Erynnis pacuvius

,	*Species Possible		Seasonal Flight Period											
V	But Not Confirmed	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	
	*Common Checkered Skipper (Pyrgus communis)						?							
	Common Sootywing (Pholisora catullus)					Х	Х	Х						
GRA	SS SKIPPERS (Hesperiinae)													
	*Arctic Skipper (Carterocephalus palaemon)													
	*Garita Skipperling (Oarisma garita)													
	Juba Skipper (Hesperia juba)					Х	Χ		Х	Х				
	Western Branded Skipper (Hesperia colorado)							Х	Х					
	*Common Branded Skipper (Hesperia comma)													
	Nevada Skipper (Hesperia nevada)						Х							
	*Peck's Skipper (Polites peckius)													
	*Sandhill Skipper (Polites sabuleti)													
	*Tawny-edged Skipper (Polites themistocles)													
	Sonora Skipper (Polites sonora)							Х						
	Woodland Skipper (Ochlodes sylvanoides)							Х	Х	Х				
	Common Roadside Skipper (Amblyscirtes vialis)					Х	Х	Х						

Mammals of the **Sinlahekin Wildlife Area**

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Vagrant Shrew	A,C,R,S,W	Р	U	U	U	U
Water Shrew*	C,R,S,W,St					
Masked Shrew*	C,R,W,St					
Preble's Shrew*	C,S					
Merriam's Shrew*	S					
Trowbridge's Shrew*	C,R					
California Myotis	Е	Р		U	U	U
Western Small-footed Myotis	Е	L		U	U	U
Western Long-eared	Е	L		U	U	U
Little Brown Myotis	Е	L		U	U	U
Fringed Myotis	Е	Р		U	U	U
Long-legged Myotis	Е	L		U	U	U
Yuma Myotis	Е	L		U	U	U
Western Red Bat*	Е					
Hoary Bat	Е	Р		U	U	U
Silver-haired Bat	Е	L		U	U	U
Big Brown Bat	Е	L		U	U	U
Western Pipistrelle*	Е					
Spotted Bat		Е	Р	U	U	U
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	Е	L		U	U	U
Pallid Bat	Е	L		U	U	U
Pika*	Т					
Snowshoe Hare	C,R	L		С	С	С
White-tailed Jackrabbit*	S	S				
Nuttall's Cottontail	S	L	С	С	С	С
Eastern Cottontail*	A,S					
Yellow-bellied Marmot	S	N		С	С	С
Columbian Ground Squirrel	С	S				
Cascades Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel*	C,S,T					
Yellow Pine Chipmunk	C,R,T	Р		U	U	U
Western Gray Squirrel	С	Р	Х	Х	Х	Х
Fox Squirrel*	R					
Red Squirrel	C,R	L	С	С	С	С
Northern Flying Squirrel	C,R	L	U	U	U	U
Northern Pocket Gopher	A,C,S	L	U	U	U	U
Great Basin Pocket Mouse	A,S	L	U	U	U	U
Beaver	O,R,St	N	U	U	U	U
Western Harvest Mouse*	S,R,W					
Deer Mouse	A,C,R,S,T	N	С	С	С	С
Bushy-tailed Wood Rat	A,C,R,S,T	L	U	U	U	U
Norway Rat*	U,R					
House Mouse	U	N	Х	Х	Х	Х
Southern Red-backed Vole*	C,R,W					
Western Heather Vole*	C,S,R,					
Meadow Vole	R,S,W	L	U	U	U	U
Water Vole*	C,W,St				-	
MantanaVala*	CM					



S,W

O,R,W,St

N U U U U

Northern Bog Lemming*

Long-tailed Vole*

Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

Com	Compiled by Dale A. Swedberg, July 2, 2001													
,	Herptile species	Area/seasonal abundance												
√	(those occurring at SWA are CAPITALIZED)	Habitat	Pre	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut							
	Blotched Tiger Salamander	W,O	N		U	U	U							
	Long-toed Salamander	W	N		U	U	U							
	Tailed Frog*	R,W												
	Great Basin Spadefoot Toad*	R,W												
	Western Toad	R,W	L		U	U	U							
	Pacific Chorus Frog	Е	L		C	C	C							
	Spotted Frog	R,W	L		U	U	U							
	Northern Leopard Frog*	W,O												
	Cascades Frog*	R,W												
	Bullfrog*	W,O												
	Painted Turtle	W,O	N		Α	Α	Α							
	Northern Alligator Lizard	S,R,C,T	S											
	Short-horned Lizard*	S,C,T												
	Sagebrush Lizard*	S												
	Western Fence Lizard*	S,C,T												
	Western Skink	S,C,T	S		Χ									
	Rubber Boa	S,C,T,W	L		U	U	U							
	Racer	S,C	L		C	C	С							
	Night Snake*	S,C,T												
	Great Basin Gopher Snake	S,R,C,T	N		C	C	C							
	Common Garter Snake	R,C,T,W	L		C	C	С							
	Western Terrestrial Garter Snake	R,C,W	L		C	C	C							
	Western Rattlesnake	S,R,C,T,W	N		Α	Α	Α							



Rules And Regulations For Using The Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

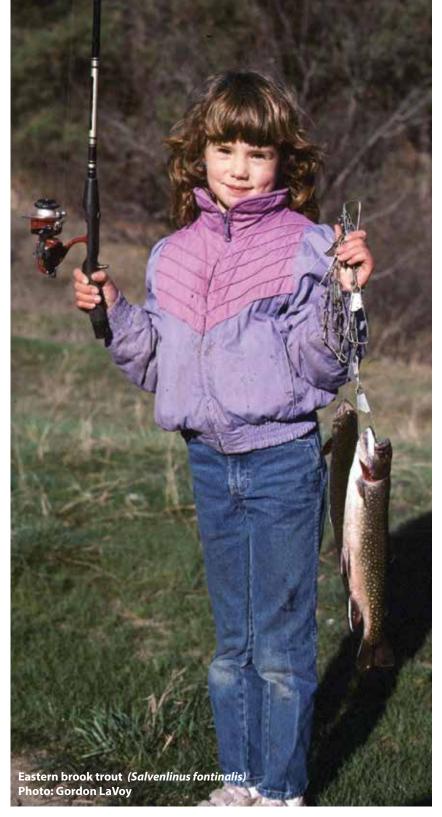
Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 232--13

The primary purpose of department lands is the preservation, protection, perpetuation and management of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Public use of department lands may include fishing, hunting, fish and wildlife appreciation, and other outdoor recreational opportunities when compatible with healthy and diverse fish and wildlife populations.

The rules and regulations detailed in this WAC about public use of, and behavior and conduct on, all WDFW lands include: Vehicle Access Pass (free with fishing or hunting license) or

- Discover Pass must be displayed in vehicle when parked on wildlife area.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on established roads. Camping is allowed only in designated campsites and only up to
- 21 days within a 30-day period. Campfires must be kept under three feet in diameter and may be
- restricted further depending on conditions. Firewood cutting is for camp use only and may not be removed
- from wildlife area. Only trees that have fallen naturally and are dead may be used for firewood.
- No littering or dumping.
- No fireworks and no discharge of firearms within 500 feet of designated campgrounds.
- No building of blinds, pits, tree stands or any other permanent
- Hunters can use hunting dogs under their control, but cannot let them or other pets roam unattended; from April through July, all dogs and other pets must be leashed to protect nesting wildlife.
- Check vehicles, boats and animals to remove any plant materials and dispose of properly to prevent the spread of noxious weeds.

Please help protect the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area by following these and all other specific, posted regulations. Report vandalism, poaching, and other violations at 24-7 hotline, 877-933-9847.



Recreational Activities

Hunting Hunting for mule and white-tailed deer, black bear, cougar, coyote, bobcat, wild turkey, pheasant, quail, partridge, forest grouse, ducks, and geese, is available on the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area during seasons described in Washington's big game and bird hunting regulations. Special permit hunting for bighorn sheep is sometimes available.

Fishing

Fishing is available on the Sinlahekin's three natural lakes – Blue, Fish and Doheny, on Sinlahekin Creek, and on five man-made water impoundments -- Schalow Pond, Forde Lake, Reflection Pond, Conner Lake and Headquarters Impoundment, during seasons described in Washington's fishing regulations. Rainbow, eastern brook, cutthroat, and tiger trout are available; some lakes are regularly stocked with trout from fish hatcheries.

Wildlife and Wildflower Viewing and Photography With 559 different plant species, 187 species of birds, 88 butterflies, 45

mammals, and 14 reptiles and amphibians, the Sinlahekin is a destination for wildlife viewers and photographers year-round. Spring is the best time for birdwatching and seeing white-tailed deer near Sinlahekin Creek. Summer provides excellent wildflower, butterfly, bat, turtle, and snake appreciation. Fall is another good birdwatching time and can offer glimpses of bears, river otters, and other wildlife. Winter is an excellent time to see deer and bighorn sheep at lower elevations.

Camping

Camping is allowed throughout the area adjacent to established roads. Developed campgrounds with firepits and/or toilets are available at many fishable waters, (See Sinlahekin Wildlife Area Facilities Chart on map). Firewood for campfires can be gathered from naturally downed deadwood only and may not be removed from the wildlife area.

Kill Hiking, Horseback Riding, and Snowshoeing There are over 13 miles of trails on the Sinlahekin, but even in areas without developed trails, there is ample opportunity for all of these activities. Summertime hikers, bikers, and horseback riders should be aware that the Sinlahekin Valley is home to the western rattlesnake.

Vehicle Travel

Motorists will find good access to the area from the north at Loomis, from the south over Pine Creek Road or Conconully. The entire length of the valley is accessible from the graveled county-maintained road. Off-road vehicles are allowed only on county roads and off-road travel is strictly